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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7397

BILL NUMBER: SB 520

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 16, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: ERASER Committee.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Head

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Eliminate, Reduce, and Streamline Employee Regulation (ERASER) Committee to study professional licensing in Indiana. It provides that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) staffs the committee. It repeals the Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee. The bill also creates a five-year cycle for sunseting professional licenses, registrations, and certifications.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *ERASER Committee:* This bill creates the ERASER Committee to study professional licensing and make recommendations for legislation such as recommending the modification of the regulation of a regulated occupation and termination of boards or regulations. The committee will consist of 8 members: (1) the Dean of the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs or their designee; (2) the Director of the Professional Licensing Agency or their designee; (3) the Attorney General or their designee; (4) the Director of the OMB or their designee; and (5) four individuals appointed by the Governor. (Seven of these members comprise the Regulated Occupations Evaluations Committee repealed by this bill).

The OMB will provide staff and administrative support to the committee, and members will be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses. Expenses for the committee will depend upon how often the committee meets, but will be offset by the repeal of the Regulated Occupations Evaluations Committee.

Repeal of the Regulated Occupations Evaluations Committee: Currently, the Regulated Occupations Evaluations Committee studies professional licensing and evaluates regulated occupations. Current statute

charges the committee to review and evaluate each regulated occupation at least every seven years. The committee is staffed by the Professional Licensing Agency. The committee met eight times and had expenses of about \$9,500 in CY 2012.

Sunset of Professional Licenses, Registrations, and Certifications: The bill requires the ERASER Committee to review licenses registrations, and certifications on a five-year cycle and issue a report to the General Assembly. Unless the General Assembly takes action to retain the licenses, they will be terminated. If the licenses, registrations, or certifications are terminated, then any funds related to them will revert to the state General Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Office of Management and Budget; Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

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